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MEMORANDUM FOR: PL/PS

SUBJECT: Comments on JCS Memorandum for General Smith;
subject: "Policy on Repatriation of Chinese and
North Korean Prisoners", dated 8 August 1951.

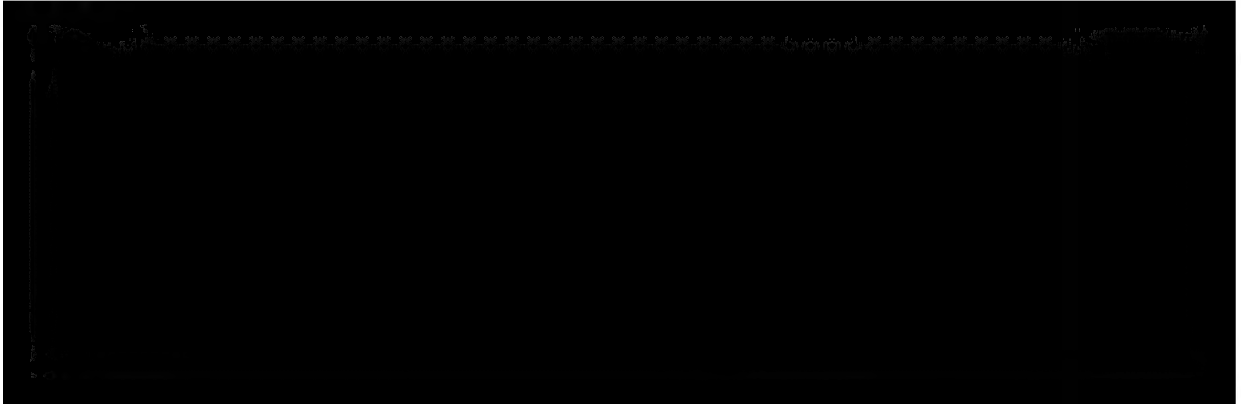
1. PY welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed JCS policy decisions to (a) give safe haven to defector POWs who do not desire repatriation, and (b) repatriate to Formosa all Chinese POWs who are acceptable to the Chinese Nationalist Government and who wish to come under the Nationalist aegis.
2. We feel that the policy as presented offers definite advantages to the successful conduct of psychological warfare. However, in regard to the repatriation to Formosa of "all Chinese prisoners of war who are found to be acceptable to the Chinese Nationalist Government and who claim to be ex-Nationalists or Nationalists at heart and elect such repatriation", we feel that there are three inherent weaknesses:
 - a. It presents an ideal manner for shrewd Communist prisoners to infiltrate Nationalist military forces.
 - b. An increased number of troops without supplies is of questionable military value to the Nationalists.
 - c. A vengeful government might be tempted to execute or imprison former Nationalist troops for desertion to the Communists, which act of course, would have a most detrimental effect upon our future propaganda.
3. The JCS policy apparently does not take into consideration the final disposition of what we feel may be a sizable group of prisoners; namely those who refuse repatriation to either Communist-controlled territory, or to Formosa.

4. We suggest

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